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SUBJ: REQUEST FOR APPOINTMENTS

1. PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO TIM KRAFT, WHITE HOUSE.
QUOTE. TIM: THIS IS FURTHER ON THE SUBJECT OF OUR CORRESPONDENCE WHICH WAS INITIATED BY MY LETTER TO YOU OF OCTOBER 25, 1977, TO WHICH YOU REPLIED UNDER DATE DECEMBER 19. THEN THERE WAS MY LETTER OF JANUARY 17, 1978.
2. THE SUBJECT IS A MEETING BETWEEN A SMALL GROUP OF BUSINESSMEN FROM THIS AREA WITH THE PRESIDENT. YOU SUGGESTED IN LIEU OF THE PRESIDENT SECRETARIES BLUMENTHAL AND KREPS AND AMBASSADOR STRAUSS.
3. THE GROUP IN QUESTION REPRESENTS APCAC AND THE DATES FOR ITS MEETING IN WASHINGTON HAVE NOW BEEN FIRMLY SET FOR MAY 1-5.
4. AT ANY TIME IN THIS PERIOD THREE OR NOR MORE THAN FIVE APCAC LEADERS WOULD WELCOME AN OPPORTUNITY TO MEET WITH THE THREE OFFICIALS NAMED, AND, OF COURSE, HARBOR THE HOPE THAT THE PRESIDENT COULD HEAR BRIEFLY WHAT THEY HAVE TO SAY.
5. THE GROUP WOULD BE COMPRISED OF LEW BURRIDGE (STERLING UNCLASSIFIED

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DRUG) FROM THE PHILIPPINES, MIKE EMMONS (ARTHUR ANDERSON) FROM HONG KONG AND RAY KATHE (CITY CORP.) FROM JAPAN.

6. THEIR EMPHASIS WOULD BE ON THE PROPOSITION THAT THERE IS CONTINUING NEED FOR U.S. INVESTMENT IN THE PACAFIC-ASIA AREA TO SUSTAIN U.S. EXPORTS.

7. WE'RE GRATEFUL FOR THE ATTENTION BEING SHOWN US BY SEVERAL OFFICIAL VISITORS, BUT IT WILL GIVE ENCOURAGEMENT AND SERVE AS A GREAT STIMULUS IF THE APCAC PEOPLE CAN IN FACT TELL THEIR STORY AT THE HIGHEST LEVELS. I WOULD BE PLEASED TO PICK UP THE CHECK FOR LUNCH IN THE WHITE HOUSE MESS IF ONE OF MY FRIENDS, TIM KRAFT PERHAPS, EXTENDED AN INVITATION.

8. WOULD VERY MUCH APPRECIATE YOUR ACKNOWLEDGING THIS REQUEST, GIVING AT THE SAME TIME SOME INDICATION WHAT HAS BEEN ARRANGED FOR THESE GENTLEMEN. IT HARDLY NEEDS SAYING THAT THIS REQUEST IS NOT MADE LIGHTLY. I'M NOT UNAWARE OF THE DEMANDS MADE ON THE TIME OF CABINET OFFICIALS, BUT I BELIEVE WITHOUT RESERVATION THAT AN OPPORTUNITY TO TELL THEIR STORY IS IN THE NATIONAL INTEREST. END QUOTE.
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